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Lessee, the proposed "settlement" "punishes" Microsoft by giving it access to millions and millions of school children in one of the few markets it has not (yet) managed to dominate. Hmmm. Why didn't *I* think of that when I was a kid?

"Well, son, what do you think would be an appropriate punishment for breaking all the windows in your school?"

"Dad, I think I deserve to be sent to Las Vegas with nothing but your Platinum Visa and a box lunch. That'll teach me!"

Who's kidding whom here? Microsoft is not just a predatory monopoly, it's an unrepentant predatory monopoly and the proposed settlements *rewards* them for their behavior. What's the point? Better nothing than what has been proposed, but actual punitive measures would be the best policy of all.

Cheers.

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"If you get confused, listen to the music play"

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